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Dear Carl,

Your Rolling Stone piece is fine. So is the idea for the book I hear you are working on. If you go back to the antecedents of McCarthy I can be of help. You are welcome to all the records I had for a book of the same sort I planned on the Dies committee. This includes an accounting of every penny they spent for the first two, three or more years of their existence.

If you want to go farthur back than Dies when Justin McCarthy was editor of the United Mine Workers Journal he got all my Congressional hearings with the idea that the UMW would always make them available to reporters and scholars. These included the hearings of the McCormack/Dickstein committee. Justin could probably tell you where they were at UMW if not where they now are.

If you want to use FOIA or if your parents want to use PA perhaps I can help from my own experiences. My lawyer is the most expert I know in these areas, too. I am beginning to get some of the records on me. They are simply incredible. Your father's should be, too, because of his association with Max Lowenthal.

The law Weicher cited in reporting how he threw Colson out of his office was passed to "get" me. Dies and his supporters had the power to delay Dave Fine's confirmation as United States Attorney to pressure him into indicting me. He had to agree, if he refused to participate personally. I was a brush kid. I wound up taking the grand jury away from Ed Fihelly and perhaps Ed Curran. If you'd like to read some of the grand jury transcripts I have one. I have not yet obtained the FBI's records on this. Some 600 more pages are supposed to be on the way. The bottom line is that Dies never dared print my testimony, which was in executive session; the grand jury indicted his agent; and Dies had to negotiate a guilty plea resulting in a two year suspended sentence.

Did you know that Warren Burger had a similar history, with Nixon, in the McCarthy time? I have a few records. I believe one relates to the Peters case, if you have a research assistant. The solicitor general refused to take Burger's Peters case to the Supreme Court. Burger agrued it and became a judge. Burger was Nixon's Otepka.

Should you also be going farthur with your Rolling Stone piece I think we can help each other.

Best wishes,

Harold Weisberg